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Marlinton Laundry Victim Of Early Morning Fire

The wailing of the fire siren announced to residents of Marlinton that the Demon Fire had once more picked out a local building for it's victim at 12:30 this morning.

The fire, which evidently started at the southern, or laundry, end of the building, spread rapidly on account of the high wind prevailing at the time The frame building burned quickly and it was evident by the time the fire truck reached the scene that it would be impossible to save it. Firemen therefore concentrated their efforts on holding the fire in check and thus reduce the possibility of the flames spreading to other buildings Fortunately there are no buildings near the laundry and this helped to check the possible loss.

The northern end of the building was fitted up for light housekeeping and was occupied by Mr and Mrs. Earl Price and three other people whose name could not be learned immediately. The house furnishings of these people were mostly all damaged or destroyed before the fire was extinguished. Volunteers succeeded in saving a few pieces of furniture but the intense smoke kept them from venturing into the building for more than a few seconds at a time.

Mrs. W. J. Yeager was the proprietor of the laundry which occupied the largest part of the building and the building itself was owned by Mr Hubert Echols. It could not be ascertained this morning whether or not any insurance was carried on the building or contents.

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